

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**STATE COMMITTEE FOR MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,  
APPELLANT**

**vs.**

**JENNIFER HAYNES,  
RESPONDENT**

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Appeal from:

The Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri  
The Honorable Daniel R. Green, Judge

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Appellate Judges:

Division One: Thomas H. Newton, P.J., Joseph M. Ellis and Gary D. Witt, JJ.

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**MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY**

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Before Division One Judges: Thomas H. Newton, P.J., Joseph M. Ellis and Gary D. Witt, JJ

The Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists ("the Committee") appeals from a decision entered by the Administrative Hearing Commission ("the AHC") granting Jennifer Haynes' motion for summary decision in her case challenging the Committee's denial of her request for licensure as a marital and family therapist in Missouri.

Haynes, who was licensed in the state of Kansas as a marriage and family therapist, applied for licensure in Missouri as a marital and family therapist. The Committee denied her application, and Haynes subsequently challenged that decision before the AHC. Both parties filed motions for summary decision in their favor. The AHC eventually denied the Committee's motion and granted Haynes', finding that Haynes was entitled licensure under the reciprocity provisions of § 337.715.2. The Circuit Court of Cole County affirmed the decision of the AHC.

**REVERSED.**

**Division One holds:**

(1) The AHC erred as a matter of law in concluding that Kansas's licensing requirements for a marriage and family therapist were substantially similar to Missouri's requirements for obtaining a marital and family therapist license so as to warrant licensure of Haynes under the reciprocity provisions of § 337.715.2 because the Missouri requirements for licensure are substantially different from and more stringent than the requirements for obtaining a marriage and family therapist license in Kansas in that Missouri requires twenty-four months of postgraduate supervised clinical experience and also requires an applicant to have completed a minimum of three semester hours of graduate-level course work in diagnostic systems while Kansas has no such requirements.

Opinion by Joseph M. Ellis, Judge

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